

## STATE SOCIETY

### ABSTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 136TH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Held in San Francisco, Saturday, January 6, 1923.

The complete minutes of this and all other Council meetings are on file in the office of the State Society and are open to any member of the society.

Present: Brainerd, Edwards, Bine, Parkinson, Kress, Kiger, De Lappe, Ewer, Van Zwahlenburg, McArthur, Pope, McLeod, Parker, Paterson, Musgrave, Johnson and General Counsel Peart.

Absent: Hamlin and Carrington.

**Appointment of Councillor for Sixth District**—Upon nomination of Pope, seconded by Van Zwahlenburg, Walter B. Coffey of San Francisco was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy in the sixth district caused by the passing of C. G. Kenyon.

**Reorganization of the Council**—Upon nomination of Kress, seconded by Pope, James H. Parkinson of Sacramento was unanimously elected chairman of the Council to succeed C. G. Kenyon, deceased.

**Passing of C. G. Kenyon, chairman of the Council**—Upon motion of Van Zwahlenburg, seconded by Paterson, it was

Resolved, That the chairman of the Council appoint a committee of three to draw up a resolution on the passing of Doctor C. G. Kenyon.

Chairman appointed Edwards (chairman), Van Zwahlenburg and Paterson as members of this committee.

**Hotel Headquarters for State Society and A. M. A. Meetings in June, 1923**—The associate secretary reported that tentative arrangements had been made with the Hotel Whitcomb for the reservation of fifty rooms for accommodation of the Council and Society officers during the State and A. M. A. meetings in June.

Action by the Council: Upon motion of Van Zwahlenburg, seconded by Kress, it was

Resolved, That the Hotel Whitcomb be made hotel headquarters for the State Society during the State and A. M. A. meetings in June, 1923; and further, that the secretary be instructed to make reservations for all members of the Council.

**Articles of Incorporation of State and County Societies**—The question of incorporating the State and county societies was discussed by the general counsel, who advised that nothing be decided upon unless under some uniform plan which had the approval of the A. M. A. He stated that there was no present need for incorporation of the State Society. Regarding incorporation by a county society, he suggested that any thereof might incorporate if they so desired, such corporation to be empowered to hold real or personal property for the Society. It was the sense of the Council that this matter should be referred to the general counsel for report as to form or method and desirability of such procedure.

Action by the Council: Upon motion of Kress, seconded by Bine, it was

Resolved, That the general counsel ascertain the present form and method of incorporation of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, and further, that he use such information in the preparation of uniform articles of incorporation for the assistance of other county societies desiring to incorporate.

**Incorporation of the Indemnity Defense Fund**—General counsel reported the present status of the Fund; the results of the letter sent to all members of the Fund on December 18, 1922, regarding the contemplated incorporation, and explained fully why it appeared necessary and advisable to incorporate the Fund. This matter was also discussed by Dr. Duffield and others.

Action by the Council: Upon motion of Kress, seconded by Bine, it was

Resolved, That the chairman appoint a committee of five, consisting of three members of the Board of Trustees of the Indemnity Defense Fund and two members of the Council, which committee shall act as "attorneys in fact" under the proposed "power of attorney" submitted by the general counsel; that the form of proposed "power of attorney" submitted by the general counsel be approved; and that the publicity bureau and said committee and the officers of the Society be authorized to proceed with the work of fully informing all members of the Fund of the incorporation plan and considerations relating to same in order to determine the wishes of the members of the Fund in reference to incorporation.

The chair appointed Lemuel P. Adams, W. E. Briggs, William Duffield, W. T. McArthur and Saxton T. Pope.

**Policy Regarding Credit to Editorial Writers**—The question of co-operation between scientific sections and the State Society was discussed particularly with reference to the furnishing of editorials by the sections for the State Journal. It was the sense of the Council that no credit should be given to editorial writers, but that the editorial section of the Journal should remain as it is at present—impersonal and representing the policies and opinion of the entire organization.

**Question of Dividing the United States into Territorial Districts**—The secretary discussed the advisability of dividing the United States into territorial districts as

contemplated by the A. M. A. at the St. Louis annual session.

Action by the Council: Upon motion of Paterson, seconded by Kress, it was

Resolved, That the chair appoint a committee of three to investigate the matter of dividing the United States into territorial districts, from the standpoint of the Medical Society of the State of California, and further, that this committee report to the Council and the House of Delegates at the coming annual meeting.

The chair appointed Paterson (chairman), Kress and Pope.

**Industrial Medicine**—Parkinson, chairman of the Industrial Accident Committee, read a letter just received which stated that the proposed fee schedule was not yet completed, or in shape for presentation to the Council. He stated that his committee hoped to have the proposed plan and fee schedule ready for presentation to the Council at its next meeting.

Parkinson then read a letter from the secretary of the Los Angeles County Medical Association enclosing a resolution passed by the Industrial Accident Section of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, together with correspondence addressed to the State office by the secretary of the State Section on Industrial Medicine and Surgery.

Upon motion of Kress, seconded by McArthur, it was

Resolved, That the secretary of the Section on Industrial Medicine and Surgery of the State Society be called in to present the views of his section on this subject.

**Resolution of Industrial Accident Section, Los Angeles County Medical Association**—Thurber then presented the views of his section to the Council. A general discussion of the subject followed. It was the sense of the Council that Thurber be authorized to carry the assurance of the Council of the State Society to his section, that any plan and schedule relating to industrial accident work would be submitted to the entire Society membership for consideration and that this had always been the intention of the Council, and that, until the Industrial Accident Section had been given an opportunity to study and pass upon the plan and schedule the proposed plan and fee schedule would not be adopted by the Council.

**Journal Editorials**—The following editorials were considered for publication in the California State Journal of Medicine: "Sheppard-Towner Law," "Medical Ethics Not Changed by Election."

Action by the Council: Upon motion of McArthur, seconded by Van Zwahlenburg, it was

Resolved, That these editorials be published in the February issue of the California State Journal of Medicine.

The question of furnishing county societies with copies of the editorial on "Medical Ethics Not Changed by Election" was fully discussed.

Action by the Council: Upon motion of Kress, seconded by McArthur, it was

Resolved, That the secretary-editor have printed 500 copies of the editorial on "Medical Ethics Not Changed by Election," and further, that these reprints be sent in appropriate numbers to the county societies as an expression of the attitude of the Council on this subject.

**Financial Statement and Audit for Year 1922**—The associate secretary read the yearly financial statement and report of audit by Kilink, Bean & Co. for the year 1922. The Council ordered copies of these papers sent to each of the councillors.

## EARLY TRANSACTIONS OF STATE SOCIETY

A few observations from the transactions published during the early years of this Society's existence. On October 19, 1870, Dr. T. M. Logan, of Sacramento, delivered an address before The State Medical Society of California, in which he said, among other things, the following:

"Fourteen years ago, in association with the lamented Cooper, who was the leading spirit of the occasion, I officially signed the call, as corresponding secretary of the Medical Society of Sacramento, for a convention in that city, to inaugurate the scheme which we are now assembled to resuscitate. The objects for which the State Medical Society was formed did then, as they do now, enlist my warmest interest and command my active co-operation; and, judging from the intelligent—many of them old familiar—faces around me, I have reason to believe that I entertain these views and professions only in common with you all.

"Prior to this organization, as most of you well remember, the medical mind was in a state of inertia—the profession in a chaotic condition. The dominant materialism of the Golden Age, which had invaded every department of human activity, and inverted the natural order of things by subjecting the higher to the lower, was degrading medicine into a mere business, leading men of real ability, who might have been remembered as benefactors of their